SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2007.

CHAPTER 25

(Senate Bill 269)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland-Health Care Commission — Racial and Ethnic Variations Data—
Nondiscrimination in Health-Insurance
Health Insurance – Collection of Racial and Ethnic Data – Nondiscrimination

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to include certain racial and ethnic variations in certain systems to evaluate the quality of eare outcomes and performance measurements of certain health maintenance organization benefit plans, nursing facilities, hospitals, and ambulatory surgical facilities; authorizing certain entities that provide health insurance to make an inquiry about race and ethnicity under certain circumstances, and subject to certain limitations; prohibiting the use of certain racial or ethnic variations information to deny or otherwise affect a health insurance policy or contract; providing that the provisions of certain insurance laws apply to health maintenance organizations; and generally relating to the collection and use of racial and ethnic variations data by health insurers that provide health insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Health - General
Section 19-134(c) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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